



Elm City Quilters' Guild



May 2008

Marj Deveau, Editor

Minutes of April 2, 2008

Attendance 62

Cecile Grant presided over the meeting in Sandra's absence. **Gathering of the Guilds** was discussed. Those attending this year will be Joan Baldwin, Kim Day, Marj Deveau, and Lorraine Fullerton.

Our May meeting will be a yard sale. The program committee needs to know how many tables will be required.

The October Quilt Show was discussed. Patterns are available for potholders. A name would be nice for the show, example, "Fall to Pieces". Please pass on your ideas to the organizing committee.

Library- 21 new books have arrived.

Financial Report- Ann Wood reported a balance of \$3,199.84

Workdays- On April 19 Ivy Curtis will show how to make a travel bag. Anyone who wants to work on anything else is also welcome. Next year, an attempt will be made to avoid other Guilds' workdays from being on the same date.

Fat Quarters- Lucy Bourque

Door prize-Wynne Farr

Lois Estabrooks, Secretary

QUILT SHOWS 2008

May 9-10 -Keswick Ridge Quilters Quilt Show, Keswick Ridge United Church, 503 Route 616, Keswick Ridge, NB; Fri 2-8, Sat 10-4.

June 2-7 – CQA/ACC Quilt Canada 2008 "Quilting on the Edge" St John's, NL; Wed-Sat - Workshops, Lectures, Fashion Show, Show and Share, Merchant Mall, Bus Tours.

Sept 18-20 – Kennebecasis Valley Quilting Guild presents "Timeless Treasures" Quilt Show and Sale, Island View Lions Club, Quispamsis, NB; Thurs 1-9, Fri 10-9, Sat 10-4; Adm \$3.

Sept 25-27 - Sussex Vale Quilters' Guild "AUTUMN SPLENDOR" Quilt Show and Sale at The Sussex Lions Club; Thurs 1-7, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-4; Adm \$3.

Oct 03-05 - Blockhouse Mahone Bay Quilters' Guild Show and Sale. Blockhouse & District Firehall, RR#1, Blockhouse (between Exit 11 & Mahone Bay); Fri 10-5:30, Sat 10-5:30, Sun 1-5; Adm \$2.

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!!

Did you know that we are less than 5 months away from our **QUILT SHOW**?

The weekend after Thanksgiving will find us in an excited, creative and cooperative mood! YES! There is no doubt that the excitement will grow as the big weekend approaches but, as individuals, we must plan ahead. Each one of us needs to be thinking about and as necessary, creating new projects to be included in the show. I am thinking, in particular, about the **potholders** requested by Gwenda and the **Group Projects**. It is my hope that these Group Projects will be completed by the end of the summer and will be the highlight of **Show and Tell** at the **September** meeting. As you know, the Group Projects were designed to achieve two separate but important results. **Number one:** by being part of a group, we get to meet guild members we have perhaps never met before. We are able to put a friendly face on more of those names on the membership list! **Number two:** by being assigned a specific project, we get to stretch ourselves to do something, which we may not have tried otherwise. The quilted project which **each of us** will create will serve as a special reminder of new friendships. I hope everyone has either started or has patterns to start this project. Our aim is to **ENJOY!**

Gone to Pieces!

Cecile





Crazy Quilt Block

Hot Pad, Pot Holder
or Quilt

Finished block measures
8.5" x 8.5"

Wonderful pattern for beginners. Use for quilt, pillow, potholder, eyeglass case, or anything else you can dream up.

SUPPLY LIST FOR CRAZY QUILT BLOCK

4-5 strips of fabric, each measuring approximately 4" x 12"

1 8.5" x 8.5" square of white cotton fabric (or muslin) for crazy quilt base

[Blendable thread](#) for machine embroidery (or hand embroidery threads)

Various embellishments such as yarn, lace, buttons, ribbon, etc.

supplies for Hot Pad or Pot Holder:

1 8.5" x 8.5" square of [insul-bright](#) hot pad insulation

binding: approximately 40" of 1.5" wide fabric (longer if you are adding a hanging loop)

1 8.5" x 8.5" square of backing fabric or [Thermal Flec heat resistant cloth](#) (silver fabric to use on side that comes into contact with hot surface)

2 squares of 8.5" x 8.5" cotton batting

CREATE CRAZY QUILT BLOCK

1. Lay out all strips of fabric (image on right shows 3 of the 4 strips that I used)



2. Place the fabric strips in a stack and make three straight cuts at random angles.



3. Place one fabric piece in the center of the muslin square.
4. Place second fabric piece right sides together over first piece, aligning one edge. If you prefer, you can lay the second piece at a random angle, but be sure that when you stitch them together you will totally enclose one side of the first piece. In other words, don't leave muslin showing between sewn pieces.



Press seams open. Trim seam allowance to 1/4".

Repeat until the entire muslin square is covered. Refer to images below.

HINTS: Press between each step. Trim seams between each piece. If you have a piece that contains an edge that will not be sewn into a seam, fold it under before stitching it into place. This way, it will not contain a raw edge. Refer to image below left.

If you have a long edge to connect to, stitch a few pieces together and then attach them as one piece. Refer to image below right. When the muslin piece is totally covered, turn to back side of block and trim off all edges. The block should measure 12.5" x 12.5". Baste around the outer edge of the block, 1/8" from the edge, to secure raw edges. The finished, trimmed block is shown at right. Several pieces have raw edges that are folded.

Embellish!

When the block is finished, embellish with machine embroidery, buttons, lace, hand embroidery, appliqués and other items. Besides being decorative, the stitching will attach any loose edges.

